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TO: Iowa Medicaid Integrated Health Homes (IHH) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Age of Adulthood for IHH Tier and Payment

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2016

The department is aware that there has been discrepancy when a member transitions from a child rate to an adult rate in an IHH. In other Medicaid programs, such as the Children's Mental Health Waiver, a member who turns 18 years of age is a legal adult and no longer eligible for services through the Children's Mental Health Waiver.

Therefore, effective July 1, 2016, any member who reaches the age of 18 should be correctly billed at an adult rate. For those members who are Fee-for-Service (FFS) the IHH must change the tier in the Iowa Medicaid Portal Access (IMPA) system in order for payment to be made. The IME will not pay a child tier for an adult.

Please note that there are no age restrictions placed on the members that can be serviced by an IHH. The IHH entities that employ the appropriate staffing for both child and adult services are able to serve both children and adults. If an IHH would like to continue to serve a member past age 18, the IHH will need to employ a Peer Support Specialist to provide services to the member.

If you have any questions, please contact the Le Howland, Program Manager at lhowlan@dhs.state.ia.us.